

Life-Study of Exodus Summaries – Messages 41-45

MESSAGE 41 – The Living Water out of the Smitten Rock (2)

The picture in Exodus 17 of the living water out of the **smitten rock** exposes the **sinfulness** and **unfaithfulness** of God's people and the **shortage** of His servants. Christ was smitten for us so that the living water could flow out of Him to **quench** the thirst of sinful people. In order that we might learn a lesson, sometimes the Lord leads us into a dry land. Only God is able to pass the test. This indicates the **seriousness** of being short of Christ as the living water to quench our thirst. How crucial it is for us to have Him to meet this need! (Life-Study of Exodus, 41).

MESSAGE 42 – The Water of Life in Resurrection

The water which came out of the rock is the water of **life in resurrection**. Because the water of life is in resurrection, it is **victorious** and **triumphant**. It transcends every negative thing. When we drink this water, we become people in resurrection and of resurrection. This water is the **Triune God** flowing out to be our life. The water of life is the Spirit, the Spirit is the Triune God, and the Triune God is the water of life. This flowing of the water of life in resurrection is for the **formation** of the Body of Christ and for the **preparation** of the bride of Christ. If we drink of the living water day by day, the Body of Christ will be built up and the bride of Christ will be prepared. (Life-Study of Exodus, 42).

MESSAGE 43-44 – Drinking the Water of Life

We take God into us by eating and drinking. By eating and drinking we take the Lord into us, and He becomes one with us **organically**. As believers, we have been **positioned** to drink. Through **baptism** we have been positioned to drink. However, to drink the water of life, there is the need of **thirst**. We all need such a thirst for the Lord. We also need to **come** to the Lord. No matter what we are doing, we may come to the Lord by **calling on Him** and **asking Him** for this water. Finally, we drink the water of life through **receiving** and **taking** by **believing**. Calling on the Lord's name solves all our problems. By calling, we receive and take the living water. (Life-Study of Exodus, 43-44).

MESSAGE 45 – Flowing the Water of Life

Drinking of the water of life and the **flowing** of the water of life go together. Without the flowing of the water of life, our drinking is in **vain**. In fact, **if we do not flow, we shall not be able to continue drinking**. Drinking is nullified by the lack of flowing. **The genuine drinking of the water of life depends on the flowing**. If the flowing does not follow our drinking, our drinking will stop. This lack of flowing may cause our thirst to disappear. In order to have a strong flowing, we need to **call on the name** of the Lord Jesus, **pray, sing** to the Lord. It is also helpful to **speak** to Lord, **by** the Lord, **for** the Lord, **in** the Lord, and **with** the Lord. Christians should not be silent. On the contrary, we must be those bubbling and welling up with life. We flow the living water by **speaking**. The more we speak, the more we are brought into a state where we are flooded with eternal life. This should be our experience in our **daily life** and also in the **church meetings**. If we practice flowing by speaking and by being identified with the smitten Christ, we shall have the rivers spoken by the Lord in John 7:38; rivers of living water will flow out from our innermost being. Hallelujah! (Life-Study of Exodus, 45).